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A FOREIGN LETTER

A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE "LAND OF THE CZAR."

FROM THE PEN OF THE AMERICAN

Consul to that Country--Russia as it is and as it Will Remain--"Yellow Boys Much in Evidence."

Vladivostok, E. Siberia, Russia,
Dec. 18, 1899.

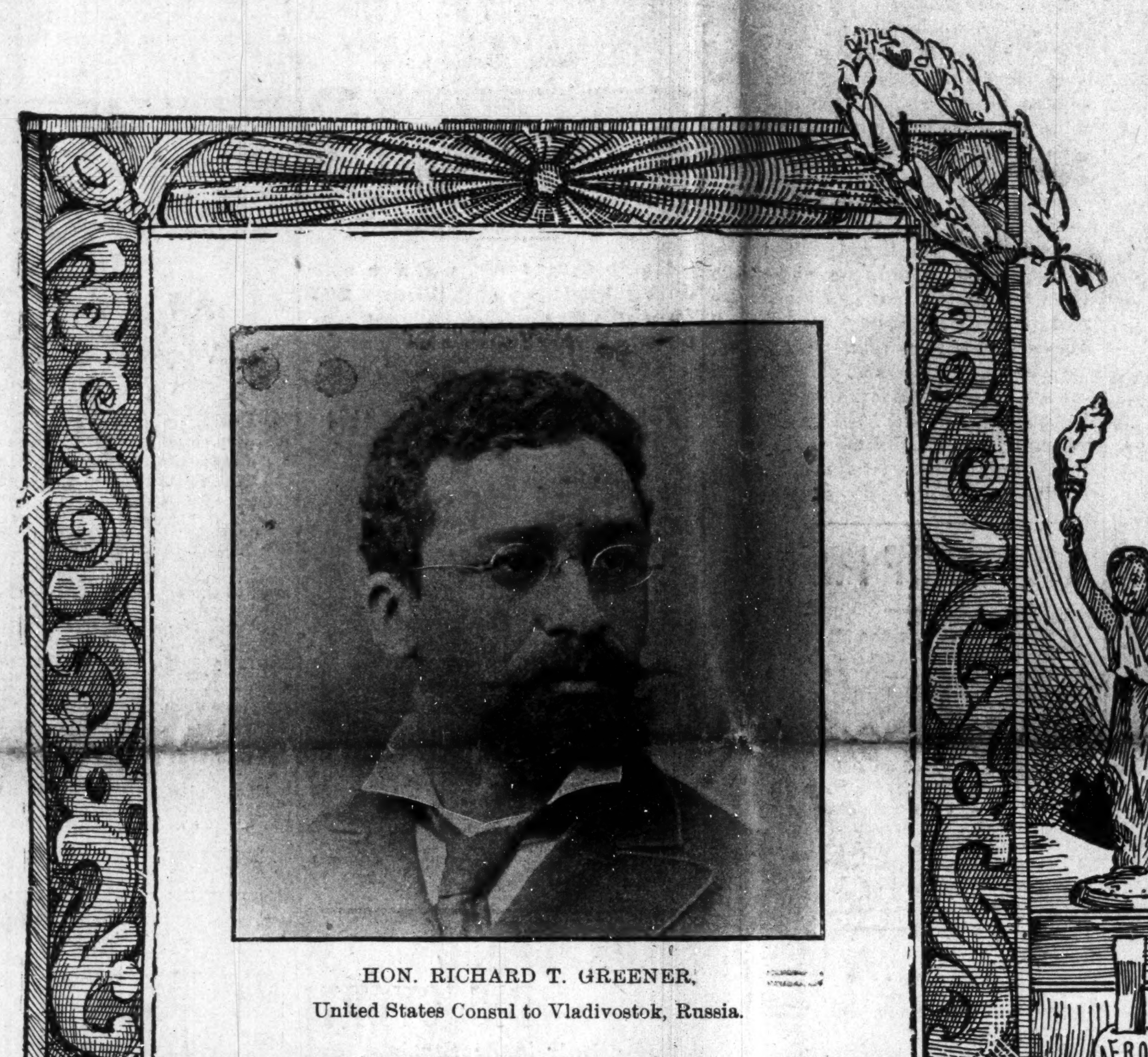
My Dear Knox:

When you desire an article from my much occupied pen, you must please bear in mind I am very nearly 9000 miles away from the delightful city of Indianapolis; that letters take six weeks to reach me; that postage is five cents instead of two and allowance must be made for delay in reply, so you see that one fourth of the year must pass before I can hear from and reply to friends. You must do like the clothing dealers, order your Christmas stock in the summer and get your summer wear ready in winter. I am not the first Siberian exile but I am one never-theless and I bear my enforced retirement with my accustomed tranquility. On many accounts I am glad I am no nearer home and that "news" in your sense becomes history by the time it reaches me. Some of the news is very humiliating and makes me very thoughtful In this so called "despotic Russia." I watch very closely all the events and thanks to many friends, I am abundantly supplied with American papers, actually more than I have time to read. If you hear a groan over some exhibition of race prejudice or governmental inability to protect its own subjects or a feeble cheer after an Ohio or Massachusetts political victory, know it is from Greener, many miles away.

My official and social life has been very pleasant and agreeable. Why should it not be, in a land that has just celebrated the 100 anniversary of Pooshkin and boasts of citizens of all races and conditions and protects them at home as well as abroad? Russia may have persecuted and ostracized and driven out some of her native born citizens or "subjects" which is a better word here: but she never has persecuted or allowed to be persecuted those who willingly accepted her religion and civilization with their nativity. I am here at the mingling of several nationalities, Russian. Mongolian, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Boulacks, Soulats, Tamschatian, Cossacks, Armenians, Jews, all of which types I see daily and outside the distinction of rank which of course prevails in an autocratic country, I see as much mingling, and freedom and real independence as in New York and far more than prevails in any one of our southern olijarchies.

Militarism and officialism are dominant but they are not only not oppressive but do not permit oppression to be dealt out to others. White people rule here as most everywhere; but the yellow boys are much in evidence, in hard work, in business, in artisan work and are largely in the majority, and when they stop work to celebrate their holiday then and only is there a real "down east" Sunday in Vladivostok, "the ruler of the East," Russia's first outpost on the Pacific, the forerunner of Eastern Domination. Russia is here to-day for all time, no combination can balk her. One can not help respecting a strong nation as one admires a strong man—one who knows his strength and can keep it in leash until time comes to use it. Wherever Russia's flag goes no one at least is oppressed and on one of our monuments in this city is the legend, "And the Czar said, 'Wherever the Flag of the Russian Empire is raised it must never be lowered!'" This is very good Phillipine doctrine and I commend it to all anti-expansionists. We have a fine harbor, plenty of forts. Our town is actually a fortress and there is everywhere progress and activity, stimulated mostly by governmental work; but there is no such rose colored Siberia as some Munchausen has written in Harper's Weekly for Oct. 28. I manage to stand the climate pretty well as I was brought up in a cold climate thank God and on free soil. I have seen one genuine Negro from the Barbadoes since I have been here and he has been forty years in the Orient and is highly respected. He attracts no more attention than a red headed man on Broadway. I have raised the American flag for the first time officially on this soil and opened up the agency. I have chosen the most conspicuous place for my office and flag and each vessel rounding the point into the harbor must see it first even before the Russian ensign which floats on the Tiger Battery above me. I have had some business with ships; much with American commercial travelers and I've been able to be of service judging from the kind letters I have received from them on their return to the States. I am still wrestling with the language and do not quite despair as I see men who have been here for years who do not yet pretend to have got a good grip on it. I do not think I shall have mastered the language before some patriot will want my place. To-day I have attended the Cathedral where the natal day of St. Nicholas and the Emperor's namesday were also celebrated. The crush of people was terriffic. Soldiers, diplomats, municipal authorities, naval officers, townspeople, beggars all packed pell mell amid burning incense, choir singing, long litany, powerful basso and tenor voices and all the evidence of deep and sincere devotion, Religion and patriotism are hand in hand in Russia as they should be everywhere. Thus for this winter we have had only one slight snow storm sufficient to cover all and give a wintry aspect. But this has nearly disappeared and our harbor has only began to freeze at is shallowest depths. From what I read you have had more snow and colder weather than we but we shall make make up for it. I enclose my latest photo to show you I am not yet a victim to a Siberian winter. With old regard, I am ever yours,

R. T. GREENER.



HON. RICHARD T. GREENER.
United States Consul to Vladivostok, Russia.

News From the Lone Star State.

Weatherford, Tex., Special.—Mrs. Millie Weeks is quite ill. J. White, of Fort Worth was here visiting his family last week, H. Hall and family who have been several months in Cisco have moved back to Weatherford. The festival given by the Mt. Zion Baptist church was well attended. Rev. Benson has organized several clubs for the purpose of raising money for his church. There was a quiet wedding on the 14th at the residence of M. Strickling, E. Akard st. The contracting parties being Mr. Ben Young and Miss Alexander. Miss Minnie Haywood of Miaeralwells, is in the city visiting relatives.

Gem City Items.

Frankfort Ind., Special.—If you see it in an old reliable paper like The Freeman it is so. Mr. Joe Parker's Barber Shop had a narrow escape from fire Sunday night. Mr. Chas. Emery was here Sunday evening. Mr. David Valentine was in Lebanon, Friday visiting friends. Mr. Archie Cummings and wife were in Thorntown last week with a view to locating, Mrs. Homes is recovering after a short illness. Miss Blanch Clark is ill. The Korn Kob Klub held their meeting Monday night at the home of Rev. Halstead. Mr. Albert Idle was here Sunday. Mr. Arthur White has returned to his home in Muncie. On Sunday Jan., 14, the A. M. E. church elected Sunday School officers for the year 1900. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Church services at 7.30. Sunday School was well attended Sunday. Sunday School promptly at 2.30. J. D. Kersey Supt. The church was given a general cleaning Friday afternoon. Prepare for quarterly meeting as it is near at hand. Be on the alert. A church revival is to be given. Mrs. David Mitchel is ill at her home on Delphi Ave.

Greatest Danger--Trade Organizations.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 5, 1899.

Mr. Council, Huntsville, Ala.:

Dear Sir.—I duly received the reprint of your speech at the Industrial Convention at Huntsville, Ala.; I have read it with care and with much interest. I am glad that you have the wisdom to take the right line on the race question.

Go on using your eloquent tongue and pen. I am, sure that some day, all race distinctions will disappear. The colored man of America is rapidly showing himself fit to claim the rights of man, and that fitness for it, in all respects, is the noblest claim that your race can make.

If I am not mistaken, the greatest danger to colored men just now, is combination of the white men to exclude the Negro from trade organizations. With the right to labor goes the right to live, or rather with the right to live comes the right to work. To shut out the colored man from the highest branches of skilled labor means to arrest his upward progress. Yours truly,

CHARLES LEACH.

Emancipation Day.

Franklin, La., Special.—Emancipation Proclamation was celebated by the colored people at the Odd-Fellows' new hall, Jan. 1, 1900. Over 3,000 old and young people were present to hear the speaches from our distinguished speakers. Some old mothers and fathers bending toward their graves came from far distance walking on sticks and crutches, while many came in carts, wagons and by rail to hear things concerning their freedom and the struggle they under went during the days of slavery, and how to solve the "Negro Problem." Space will not permit a full statement of the whole affair; the proclamation was read by Mrs. T. J. Johnson, speeches were made by Messrs. J. E. L. Haskins, G. D. Small, J. P. B. Labane, J. W. Williams, O. J. Lebeauf, G. W. Hall, T. J. Johnson. A paper on "Slavery" was read by Miss Lillie Davis; "Freedom," Francis Fountinette, and "Progression," Miss Mary Fountain. Day's collection $75.85.

What is to Be.

Louisville, Ky. Special—The evening o the 28th., which marks another milestone on the matrimonial sea of Mr. Edward W. Warden and Mrs. Elizabeth Warden will be the scene of a brilliant social event, it being the eve of the silver wedding of this happy couple. Many invitations have been issued and as many pleasant friends will be present to extend congratulations at their home, 1014 S. 5th st.

A Rose.

Editor The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Please allow me space to say a few words in regards to the Christmas number. The Christmas number was a rose.

REV. R. C. RANSOM

THE PASTOR OF BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, CHICAGO--A MODEL

PASTOR, EXEMPLARY CHRISTIAN

Have Been the Keynotes of his Success—His Church has Flourished and Great Good has Resulted.

Three years ago last September there came to the pastorate of Bethel A. M. E. church in Chicago a tall spare stranger who had a musical voice, a pleasant smile and a winning manner. That's all the public knew about him at first. No flourish of trumpets heralded his coming, and perhaps not a half dozen persons in the city had ever heard of Rev. R. C. Ransom. To-day, both by his own, and the white people of this community, he is the best known colored minister Chicago has ever had. Other pastors had ministered to their congregations alone. How to increase their membership, and raise money had been the keynote, until Rev. Ransom's coming enlarged and broadened the church horizon. For he brought a new Gospel to the city which was to the effect that whatever was of moral or racial or educational value to the community; whatever was of an elevating or intellectual character, should be fostered and encouraged and established by the church.

Fortunately Mr. Ransom's new departure was ably seconded by the church officers, so Bethel became a storm center for all matters affecting race as well as spiritual interests. A number of auxiliary movements thus came into being. The most prominent of these was "The Men's Sunday Club," an organization which has gathered young men off the streets and out of saloons as a congregating place, together with the best representatives of our professional and business manhood, every Sunday afternoon for intellectual and moral culture. The best minds of both races and sexes, including the President of the United States have delivered addresses to this body, The Men's Sunday Club which wields a marvelous influence in race development, is the child of Rev. Ransom's brain. This is true also of "The Women's Conference," which purposed to do the same thing for women. The Industrial School for Children, the Twentieth Century Club, a literary organization, and a Kindergarten were also fostered by this pastor and his church.

On like manner have the physical necessities of, not Bethel church alone, but whoever in the church district needed it been looked after. Rev. Ransom districted that part of the city in which Bethel is situated, and created an order of deaconesses—twelve women who cover that district, seeking strangers, visiting the sick, and feeding, clothing and making warm the poor and needy, This activity has not lessened, but increased the collections and the money raising capacity of the members. More money has been raised in every department of the work in these three years than ever before in the history of the church.

Mr. Ransom is entering upon his fourth year and notwithstanding the prediction of those who believe a Methodist minister will not succeed, who does not cater to the emotions in his pulpit utterances—he preaches now as always to crowded houses every Sunday. He has by his wonderful eloquence enriched the heart and enlightened the mind not only of the uneducated masses who hang breathless on the simplicity of his preaching, but the educated and cultured who have hitherto attended white churches, flock regularly to hear him. Mr. Ransom has elevated the tone of the African Methodist pulpit, and a deeper, truer, more satisfactory spiritual life has resulted therefrom.

Mr. Ransom's activity in public affairs has had marked result. He threw himself into the breach when the proposition to organize the Eighth Regiment, officered by colored men seemed to hang fire, and helped more than any other minister to make it a certainty. Company E was recruited in his church, and when the regiment returned from Cuba he delivered the welcome address on behalf of the colored citizens. He was also selected by the city to deliver the patriotic address at the Raymond school to the children of the High-school during the Peace Jubilee, which celebrated the close of the war with Spain. He represented the colored ministry at the Chicago Autumn Festival and assisted in receiving the President of the United States and government officials. The promoters of the memorial meeting in honor o

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SPORT

EDITED BY

NED LMO BEE

Jim Turner, the well-known sporting man of Providence, R. I., bet $600 to $1000 on Dixon. He is a great admirer of the Boston boy.

Terry McGovern will probably never be as popular with a certain class of ring followers as George Dixon. He is in the fighting business to make money and to keep it. He is not what is termed a good fellow, and has no bad habits.

George Dixon has probably made more money than any other fighter in the country except John L. Sullivan, but has little to show for it. Most of it went to Tom O'Rourke, but with the knowledge and consent of Dixon. Both he and Joe Walcott are simply fighting machines, with no idea of the value of money, and long since would have been out of the business if it had not been for O'Rourke.

During George Dixon's career in the prize ring the word "job" was never breathed in connection with any of his matches except in this last fight, and then by a man who had bet on him and lost. He was an example of integrity and honesty that other fighters might copy after, and his methods in the ring were fair and clean. Dixon will not fight again. He said that he was too old, and had made up his mind before the battle that it would be his last fight, whether he lost or won. His share of the money for his fight with McGovern, was $3,189. Dixon's friends are arranging to give him a benefit, and all of the fighters in New York have volunteered their services. Tom O'Rourke will have charge of the affair.

Kid Roberson the clever California lightweight who has been in Indianapolis for ten months, added many new friends and backers to his list by easily defeating Jimmy Blackwell in less than two minutes at the Cleveland Club January 17th. Jimmy Blackwell was 20 pounds heavier than the "Kid" but could not stand his terrific swings. The Kid will leave for his home in Los Angeles Cal., on the 28th afterwhich he will go East and meet Gans and other top notchers. The following is his record:

Knocked out "Deacon" Jones, San Francisco, twenty-five.

Knocked out Johnny Lane, Santa Fe, three.

Knocked out John Marshall, Santa Fe, eleven.

Knocked out Tom Shoemaker, Denver, six.

Knocked out Fred Ross, Denver, four.

Knocked out Al Meyers, Topeka, three.

Knocked out Jack Ramsey, Denver, three.

Draw "Kid" Parker, Denver, draw.

Knocked out "Young" Peter Jackson, Denver, ten.

Knocked out Harry Kyle, Waterbury, Conn., ten.

Knocked out Dan McConnell, Philadelphia, six.

Knocked out Billy Payne, Philadelphia, three.

Knocked out Lon Beckwith, Cleveland, three and ten.

Draw with Billy Moore, Lenox Athletic Club, twelve.

Won from Otto Sieloff, Chicago, six.

Won from Jack Craig, Chicago, six.

Lost to "Paddy" Sheehan, Chicago, one.

Won from Perry Queenan, Chicago, six.

Knocked out "Young" Kenney, Chicago, five.

Draw with James Watts, Louisville, four.

Won from Jack Hammond, Detroit, six.

Won from Jim Dempsey, Indianapolis, ne.

Won from Nick Stadfeldt, Indianapolis, four.

Lost to "Bobby" Dodds, Louisville, nineteen.

Lost to Joe Gans, Chicago, six.

Draw with Buck Stelzner, Columbus, O., twenty.

Knocked out Jimmy Blackwell, Indianapolis, one round.

The old adage of the "pitcher going to the well once too often" was truthfully verified on the night of Jan. 9, when George Dixon, the greatest fighter the world has ever seen, fell a victim to the youthful prowess of Terrance McGovern, as game a youngster as ever donned a mit. This hardest exhibition of the manly art as the sporting fraternity has ever witnessed was held at the Broadway Athletic Club, New York city.

Now that the deed has been done and our idol for so many years has been dethroned, we can have but one regret, and that is, that our little champion did not retire before this greatly to be regreted defeat; when his name would have gone down in posterity as an unbeaten champion—the first of his cline.

Well, it's too late now to shed tears over "spilt milk," and I suppose we should all take our medicine without a frown, as any true-blue sport should do, and resign ourselves to the inevitable outcome. With the difference in age and the constant strain of training for hundreds of successful battles, is to be laid the true reason for George's defeat, and although he lost after one of the hardest fought battles of the age, it has been conceded on every hand that he has in no ways been disgraced; and as the sporting editor of The Freeman, I say three rousing cheers for the greatest of them all, little George Dixon.

NED LMO BEE.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS:

First Round—Dixon opened with a left swing for the head. McGovern ducked and sent his right over the kidneys. Dixon tried another left and McGover blocked and drove his right once more to the kidneys, forcing Dixon to the ropes. They broke away to the centre of the ring, where Dixon swung his left to the breast. McGovern crowded in, pounding his right on the ribs. Dixon tried his left for the body, but McGovern stepped inside of it and sent his right three times to the body. Dixon swung his left to the jaw and in a half clinch McGovern worked left and right to body and left to head. Dixon slipped back, sending a straight left to the face, and they were in a fast mixup at the bell.

Second Round—Dixon opened with a left swing for the head and McGovern ducked neatly and he drove Dixon back with a left on the body. Dixon planted a left swing high on the head, but McGovern crowded in, sending both hands to the stomach. George jarred McGovern's head with a straight left and followed it with a right jolt on the body. They mixed it up rapidly, and Dixon almost put McGovern through the ropes with a left on the face. They came to the centre, where Dixon again landed a hard left on the face. In another mixup McGovern worked well to the body, and after they broke away Dixon landed a left on face and in return received a right on body.

Third Round—Dixon led left for the head, but McGovern got inside of it and sent both hands to the ribs and stomach. Dixon hooked his right to the ear, sending McGovern away from him. Both steadied themselves, and Dixon drove his left straight to the face and sent another on the same spot, after which he staggered McGovern with a right swing on the jaw. Dixon played the same again with McGovern, working on the body. A straight left on face and a right swing from Dixon almost dropped McGovern to the floor, but he came back with a rush and sent right and left to the body, forcing Dixon to a clinch.

Fourth Round—Dixon missed a left lead for the head, and McGovern drove his left to the body, following with a right hook on the ribs. Dixon tried again but McGovern side stepped and hooked his left to his opponent's jaw. Dixon came back, but McGovern dodged the colored lad's swings, and used both hands on the stomach at close quarters. After they broke Dixon hooked his left to the neck, and McGovern drove right and left to the body, after a clinch McGovern hooked his right to Dixon's jaw, which staggered him. McGovern followed, forcing Dixon to the ropes, where Dixon clinched, and the referee had to separate them. When they came together Dixon landed a left swing on the neck as the bell rang.

Fifth Round—Dixon opened up with the usual left swings for the head, but McGovern blocked three of them. Dixon tried again, swinging left on the neck, and McGovern got to the body with both hands. In a clinch Dixon pulled McGovern toward him, and McGovern slipped to his knees, but was up instantly, Dixon led a left to the shoulder, and McGovern countered with right and left on the body. Dixon swung left to the neck, but McGovern brove both hands to the body, and the bell found them clinched. Both returned to their corners smiling.

Sixth Round—Dixon started as usual with a left swing for the head, but McGovern blocked it. Dixon then sent his left to the neck, and McGovern in return sent his right to the body and left to the chin. Dixon rushed, and with a straight left to the face jarred McGovern's head. McGovern rushed back viciously, hooking left to head and driving his right hard to the body. McGovern rushed Dixon to the ropes, planting his left on the ribs and hooking his right to the head. Twice Dixon missed left swings for the head, McGovern getting inside and planting right and left on the body. As they broke from a clinch at the bell, McGovern hooked his right to the jaw, and Dixon looked bad as he walked to his corner.

Seventh Round—Dixon made the leads but failed to land, and McGovern drove left and right to the body. Three times Dixon missed and McGovern sent a terrific right going like a trip hammer on Dixon's chest and stomach. McGovern hooked a hard left to the ear at close quarters. After a clinch Dixon landed a straight left on McGovern's mouth. Dixon tried this again, but, McGovern got inside and sent right and left to the face, breaking Dixon's nose and the colored lad went back to the ropes with McGovern after him. Dixon bled freely as he returned to his corner.

Eighth Round—Dixon tried his usual opening with left swing, but McGovern was inside, sending right to body and head. He then drove Dixon to the ropes, where Dixon slipped to the floor. McGovern helped him to his feet amid the cheers of the crowd, and Dixon backed into McGovern's corner, where he went down again. McGovern was ready for him when he arose. McGovern's body blows sent him down again. Dixon was up in five seconds and staggered to the centre of the ring. McGovern went after him relentlessly, planting left and right hooks on the jaw, and Dixon again dropped to the floor. Dixon took the full count, getting up on the tenth second. When he got up McGovern sent in body blows, Dixon went down again to take the count once more.

It looked hopeless for Dixon, but he was game to the core, and got up to face certain defeat. He tried to get away, but his legs failed, and McGovern closed in quickly and sent left and right to the body. Dixon clinched, but was again forced to the floor by a fearful right on the body.

Once more he struggled to his feet, and McGovern went to him with the left and right, and Dixon fell twice. He got up only to drop for the eighth time from similar blows, although he tried to clinch for safety. It was all ever except the shouting, with Dixon, and when only one second of the round was left "Tom" O'Rourke "threw up the sponge" and saved Dixon from a knockout. At the same time he transferred the featherweight championship to McGovern.

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The Holiday Number a Gem.

Philadelphia, Pa,. Jan. 5, 1900.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox.—Dear Sir. The holiday edition of your paper is a gem. The finest of any colored paper I ever saw. You deserve the support of the race for your superlative efforts. Wishing you much success. C. H. BROOKS.

The Expressions of a Critic.

Monmouth, Ill., Jan. 8, 1900.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox, Dear Sir—I have just carefully perused the Holiday edition of The Freeman, and must say that it is a gem, both from a literary and mechanical standpoint, and that it eclipses all former Holiday numbers. Respectfully, A. MYRTLE WALLACE, 321 N. D street.

It Reflects Great Credit.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2, 1900.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox. Dear Sir—Your Holiday number is one that reflects great credit on the race; and I, as one engaged, in a humble way, in endeavoring to promote its cause, praise and honor you for it. May your shadow never grow less. JOHN P. GREEN, U. S. Postage Stamp Agent.

An Innovation in Race Journalism.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 3, 1900.

Editor Freeman—Permit us to congratulate you upon your excellent Holiday edition. It is an innovation in race journalism. You deserve success.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and continued prosperity, we are, yours very truly, JAS. H. W. HOWARD, Publisher Howard's American Magazine.

Surpasses All Previous Efforts.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 3, '1900.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, Dear Sir—I am in receipt of the Holiday edition of The Freeman. Beyond any question it surpasses any effort ever attempted by any Afro-American journalist or publisher. In many respects it equals if not surpasses our great metropolitan dailies. Wishing your paper continued success, which it merits, I am yours for the race, JOE M. TRIGG, Member Board of Aldermen.

They Sold Like Hot Cakes.

New York City, Jan 3, 1900.

The Holiday numbers of The Freeman arrived alright and they sold like hot cakes. Permit me to express complimentary appreciation of your Holiday number. I enjoyed its contents very much also did my customers. I consider it a worthy successor to your excellent effort last year. Surely the race ought to realize that the loyal support of such an able advocate of their interests will redound to their own credit, and I sincerely trust that the number of new subscribers for 1900 will verify my sentiments. Wishing you a prosperous New Year and continued well deserved success, I remain, your agent,

F. J. BROWN,
4076 Park Avenue, Tremont.

Eclipsed All Other Competitors.

Hannibal, Mo., Jan. 7, 1900.

Mr. G. L. Knox, Dear Sir—Again I am forced to compliment you on your splendid Holiday number, which eclipsed all other competitors. The Freeman is certainly a marvel in the advancement of the colored race. Sincerely, GEO. WRIGHT.

Greatest They Had Ever Seen.

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 7, 1900.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox, Dear Sir—I ordered thirty copies of the Holiday number and I beleive if I had ordered fifty copies I hardily think I would have had a single copy left. I sold copies to persons that I could not get to subscribe, and everyone that got a copy says that t was one of the greatest papers they had ever read. It beat any daily paper in Mississippi or any one else that we have yet seen. God bless The Freeman. T. MURRAY.

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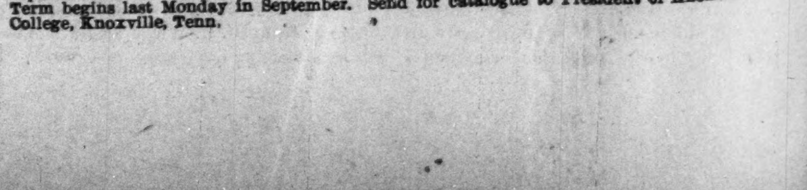

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The following was clipped from the Mississippi Baptist of which one R. T. Sims and one H. Herbert are editors:

"Augustus M. Hodges, in Lowery's Religious Monthly, tells the Southern Negro not to come North 'expecting to pick up gold in the streets of Philadelphia, Boston or New York,' and then attempts to get funny by saying, 'We old-timers have long since cleaned the streets,' and concludes with the inhospitable welcome to 'stay at home.'

"This is not the kind of an invitation that the Southern Negro extended the Northern Negro thirty-odd years ago, when times were well with us. We gave him a cordial invitation and a hearty welcome to the best we had, in short, we extended the old-fashioned Southern hospitality. It is a well known fact that the Southern Negro does not go North for the purpose of getting wealthy, but to receive some of that boasted Northern justice, but, in the light of recent events the less said about that matter the better.

"Mr. Hodges, at times, says some good things, but, when occasion requires, he becomes remarkably asinine. Take your own advice Mr. Hodges, "Don't be a fool."

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As I said in the Bluster column of July 15, 1898, it is a great dodge of the cross-road Negro editors to pitch into some noted writer or Negro mind-moulder to give him "rats," get him "mad" and have him reply to their articles. They get a free "ad." I often get such marked copies, read them, laugh at the critic, then light my pipe with the paper.

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There are thousands of young people of color leaving good employment and good homes in the South every year and coming North to "pick up gold" in the streets of Boston, New York and Philadelphia. They regret the step when too late, Messrs. Sims & Herbert seem to be ignorant of this fact. It must be a sad thing to be a fool.

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B. SQUARE.

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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4, 1900.

I am running a barber shop in this city, and all of my trade is white, many have become attached to The Freeman, which comes regularly every Saturday, and oftimes it is impossible for me to read it until Sunday afternoon. The Holiday number capped the climax in Negro journalism. Please accept my compliments for the painstaking work on that edition. Wishing The Freeman many years of successful circulation I am as ever yours truly, J. BURRELL.

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Notes of Interest.

Wilmington, Del., Special.—A few weeks ago I bade adieu to the fair city of Wilmington Del., with no light feeling of regret as the treatment accorded me there by the citizens was of such a royal character that it cannot easily be forgotten. The prominent colored business men of Wilmington as a rule are self-made men or men who under adverse circumstances and almost insurmountable obstacles have forced their way to the front. No better example can be found than W. E. Grinnage, the leading undertaker. He came to Wilmington, about 19 years ago, began as a laborer in a lumber yard; from that he became foreman, which position he held several years, from there he went to the custom house. After being there a number of years he embarked with very little capital into the undertaking business. So pressed was he at times for means to conduct his business that he was forced to do any kind of work in the evening he could get. His rise was gradual, however, and to-day he is doing the largest business of any colored undertaker in the city. I want to publicly thank in this article the good white friends of Wilmington who manifested an interest in our people by subscribing to The Freeman and we would recommend that our people give them our patronage Wm. J. Kelly, 8th and French streets, furniture dealer is a white gentleman of sterling qualities. Messrs. Thoms Farmar, Hugh Lynch, James Kirk, Wm. B. Mann and John M. Mulrooney are saloonists and will treat our people right. Wm. B. Clerk, the leading politician and great Morocco Manufacturer, is an affable and pleasant gentleman. The best place to get cigars, wholesale or retail is at W. R. Edwards, Eden Hall. I am now in Newport News Va., and will tell you more about this thriving town and its people later on.

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"An old man met me at the door and invited me to bring the machine inside so he could more closely examine it. I did so, setting the machine up in the sitting room and calling his attentions to its fine points. He was an attentive listener, and I talked with the confidence of a man who considered a sale certain. Finally, having exhausted all my arguments, he asked to see a practical test of the capabilities of the machine. I agreed, and asked him to bring me something upon which to work. He left the room, returning a few minutes later, his arms filled with damaged linen.

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"I was so mad that I didn't dare trust myself to speak, and I was glad afterward that I didn't, for when I learned the whole truth I realized my total inability to do the subject justice. The miserable old sinner, who happened to be a bachelor, had brought me up there simply to do his mending. He has worked the same game on other agents."—N. Y. Sun.

Rustic Ignorance.

Those who know the French peasantry will not be particularly surprised at the news that the gatewoman at the railway crossing near Rennes had never heard of Dreyfus. And, of course, the story can be matched in this country. At the time of the Duke of Wellington's death a parson sauntered into his garden after breakfast, newspaper in hand, mentioned the news to his elderly gardener, who replied, "Lor, sur, and 'oo was 'e?"

Again, the story runs that Mr. Kipling, while on a visit to Mr. Hardy, went to see a house which the author of "Life's Little Ironies" thought would suit him, and that when Mr. Kipling moved out of earshot Mr. Hardy observed to the occupant, "I may mention to you that this gentleman is no other than Mr. Rudyard Kipling." "Is that so?" she replied, "I never heard the name before." Presently Mr. Kipling, in turn, found himself alone with the lady, and remarked. "Possibly you may not be aware that the gentleman who brought me here to-day is Mr. Hardy, the eminent author." "Oh, indeed," was her reply, "I don't know his name."—London Chronicle.

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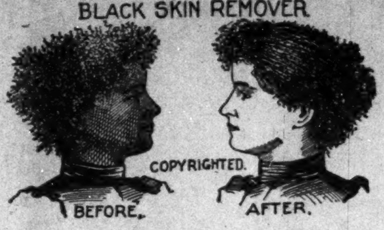

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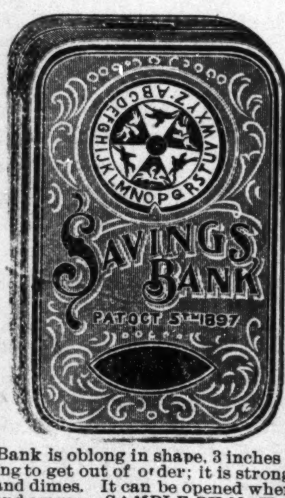

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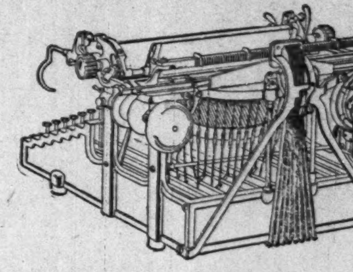

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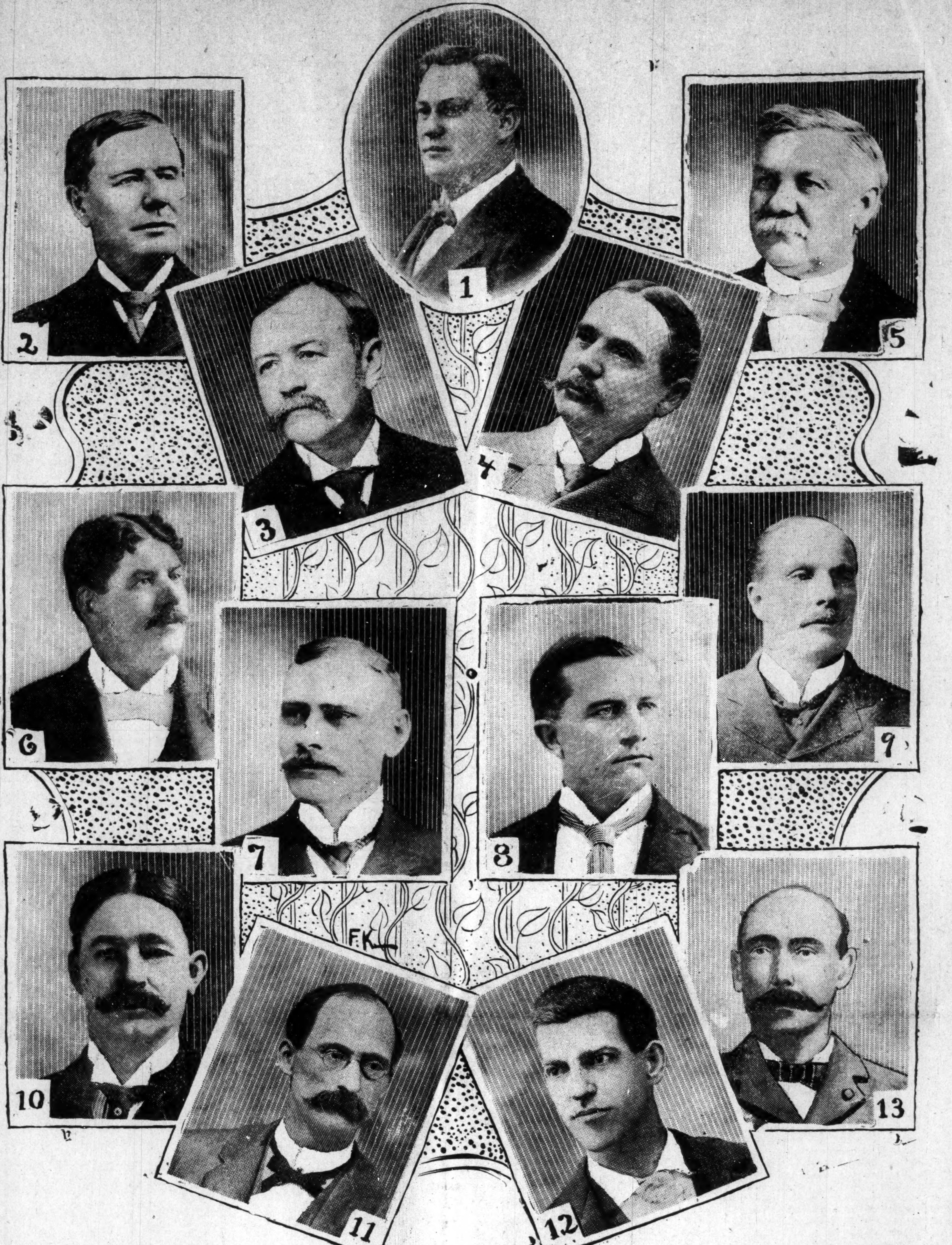

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A VOICE FROM RUSSIA.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an interesting communication from Hon. R. T. Greener, U. S. Consul to Vladivostok, E. Siberia. This country is a part of the Russian Empire. That government has set it a part as a place of exile for its political offenders. These exiles work in mines for which that country is chiefly noted. Mr. Greener says that, Siberia is not so rosy as a writer in a recent number of Harper's Weekly paints it.

Greener is a great admirer of Russia because as he puts it, it is a great strong nation, one to be admired as "one admires a strong man—one who knows his strength and can keep it in leash, until the time comes to use it." The writer has paid a very deserving tribute to that country's very unique position. On a monument in the city of Vladivostok, "runs" this legend: "And the Czar said wherever the flag of the Russian Empire is raised, it must never be lowered.' Mr. Greener thinks this is very good Philippine doctrine. After all, the declaration "that the flag once hoisted must never be hauled down" is not a new one. The older countries; Spain, Great Britain, Holland, France and others have always adhered to the principle, and carried it out at the point of the bayonet, if it became necessary. Our own country is an example of the theory. France relinquished her claim of Canada to England, only, when she no longer had the power to back up her claims. The story of Acadia, upon which is founded Longfellow's beautiful story of Evangeline, while portraying boundless cruelty, is interesting in that it shows to what extent nations will go in order to establish their flags. The Atlantic seaboard was the theater for the dispersing of those ill-fated Acadians. The work was done so thoroughly that reassembling was impossible. Other nations have carried out other measures—all to the same end.

The Anti-Expansionists of our country are attempting to balk our government in endeavoring to maintain its standards in the Philippines. The cause of the quarrel is hardly to be considered at this juncture. We find ourselves in the possession of the Philippines, and according to the policies of progressive nations, to recede would be simply a confession of weakness; that, this government does not mean to stand. The question of humanity is not at issue, but if so, our government is far more capable of insuring tranquility to the natives than the natives can ever insure.

As this paper has said before that, when it comes to a matter of abstract right, we the people of America ought dispossess ourselves of our so-calle rights in America and recall poor "Loo," whose face is turned toward the setting sun. But no; as Beveridge says: "God is in the thing and we are his chosen people. Where we pitch our tents we are at home for all eternity. We are there to bless, to spread civilization, to begirt the world with Christianity, that savagery may see man as it recks not of.

Greener says that some of the news he gets from America causes him to rejoice that he is no nearer home and compels him to ponder in "despotic Russia." Indeed some of the events in America are of just such a nature as to cause the spirits of the Negroes to swing law. Of course he speaks of those unwritten laws of discrimination and the barbarous practice of lynching. Happily the tide is now changed. Lynchings promise to become a thing of the past. The prayers of the righteous availeth much, and surely the great throne has been duly besieged in this matter, and from all indications the promise hangs out and we only have to look and live. This promise carries with it a weight of obligation on either race. It insist that the Negroes take an inventory of their standing as related to that of a score or more years ago and gain faith by the result. It demands respectability, conservatism and adjustment generally that is consonant with the age. The promise is within the grasp of those hat thus square their lives. It is equally incumbent on the white people of America to take invoice and note whether the spirit of brotherly love is manifest. If Christ should come to America at this time, under what guise could he afford to come? Would this country revolt at the idea of any other than the white Christ? Patience to bear with the infirmities of the Negroes is the woeful lack in the white race. The quality of toleration is weak opportunity denied and rights and liberties have been doled out with begrudging hands, all of which strikes down manhood into whimpering cowardice. Let all of this be changed. Let the milk of human kindness flow and reflow; gathering up all mankind in a resistless overflow.

However the student, the philosopher of the times may take high courage at the trend of late events in America. We do believe, that with all its faults, America has no rival as a home for the Negroes. In spite of the burning stakes, discriminations, the hand of God was in it when in 1620 was seen that handful of Negroes that landed on our shores.

The Republicans are getting in shipshape style. Candidates galore; it means something.

Hon. George H. White, of N. C., the only colored member of Congress has been appointed a member of the district committee having control of afiairs govering the District of Columbia. It is felt that Mr. White has been highly honored in his selection by speaker Henderson.

Congressman White's lynching bill will be a protest against lynching if nothing more. To protest is a privilege; it is courage to the extent of the ability.

Booker T. Washington was greeted with an ovation by several thousand colored people who crowded to hear him at Bethel church, Chicago, Ill., a few days ago.

The increased appropriations for the Federal building for this city is indeed cheering information. Fairbanks, Beveridge and Overstreet are certainly in evidence in Washington:

Mr. Joseph B. Kealing will represent the Seventh district, Indianapolis in the Republican State Committee- Mr. Kealing is a sterling, wide awake Republican, who will prove a capable man for the place.

If the colored organization that is underway, will drop differences in its own council chambers, and come out with a bold, unwavering front making demands in reason and in season, there is no reason why it should not stand for much hereafter. If office becomes the incident to party success, instead of the actuating principle, sincerety in its motives will be established and ends will be gained that could not be gained otherwise.

The Evangelic Rescue and Manual Training Society and Church is a new undertaking in this city which has the best aims in view, It is somewhat of a benevolent institution that reaches out to help those who stand in the need of help, but who are not able to help themselves. It aims to rescue the boys and girls from the streets and to start them on the highway of success.

The recent addresses of Booker T. Washington, appear in very neat booklets which are very convenient as ready reference. Washington is displaying his ingenuity in more directions than one. The little devices by which he keeps the interest in his institution alive, indicates generalship that the average man does not possess.

Congressman White is making preparation to champion his anti-lynching bill in Congress. The colored people generally are expecting much of his effort and they look forward to the passage of some measures looking forward to the ending of the monster crime of the century. To know how Congress will approach the bill is a matter of speculation.

Let us hope that lynching as an epidemic has gone so its long bourne. The disappearance of the evil will have a moral effect on the tendencies of certain states in the matter of disfranchisements. As long as the evil is rampant, all Negro life is cheapened, respectability at a discount, all of which makes an easy road to disfranchisements. The year 1900 promises to be the banner year for the decrease of lynching.

The Indianapolis News, one of the largest and most influential dailies has accepted Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox as one of its staff of writers. Certainly all of the colored people will consider her selection a tribute of respect to the race. as well as a recognition of her very decided ability. Mrs. Thomas-Fox is well known for her newspaper work. She at one time was connected with The Freeman, where she conducted a department which reflected great credit on her. She has been active in public life for several years advocating measures for the benefit of the race. The Afro-American Council which has its headquarters in Washington has appointed her as the head of the local committe of that organization for Indiana. She has devoted considerable time to the organization of her committee which will make preparation for the meeting of the Afro-American Council which meets in this city next July.

Mrs. Thomas-Fox is a woman of education and force, a fluent speaker and a regularly graduated elocutionist.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Baptist Truth a publication in the interest of the Baptists, which has been published in Metropolis, Illinois, will be located in Cairo. Rev. T. A. Head will be the editor. The proprietor feel that the change will be inducive to the growth of that paper.

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"A Dream And Other Poems" by Charles Henry Shoeman is a neat volume of poems that bespeak the genius of the author. Mr. Shoeman is quite a young man whose future is bright, judging by the excellency of his verses. He resides at Ann Harbor, Mich.

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"The Spanish-American War Volunteer" is a recent publication by W. Hilary Coston, B D., who was chaplain in the 9th Regt. U. S. Volunteer Infantry. The book deals with the colored soldiers of the late struggle, important places and personages of Cuba and poetical contributions to the valor of the soldiers. It is profusely illustrated and printed on heavy book paper in bold type making a very handsome book. The publisher is the author of "A Freeman and yet a Slave" as well as the publisher of the "Ringwood Home Magazine."

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Fred sends regards to Ruby and Arnie.

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Will A. Lewis is with the "Coontown 400."

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Ed Carter sends regards to Simpson & Pittman.

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Thos. J. Lewis sends regards to all friends in the profession.

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The Jacksons—Harry and Nellie, are "cleaning up" on the Bee circuit.

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W. H. Harris sends regards to Pearl Barbour and all brother Buffaloes.

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Henry G. Caillioux sends best wishes to Bobby Kemp and Billy McCarver.

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"Harry Hart, write to those parties of 258 St. Croix ave., Duluth, Minn."—J.

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Walter Mitchell, of Richard & Pringle' Famous Georgia Minstrels sends regards to Wm. Melford.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson send regards to Mr. and Mrs. Al Watts, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trusty.

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Williams & Walker company turned away over two thousand people in Omaha, Neb., on their opening night.

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The Smalls are still with the "Romance of Coon Hollow" company. They send regards to all friends and Buffaloes.

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The Mallory Bro., of Williams & Walker's company, spent a very pleasant week while in Omaha, Neb., with their brother, Will C. Mallory and wife.

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Jas. A. McMurray, A. Brooks, Sol Tibbs, F. Raiges, F. Begeron, the Gasper Bros., and Prof. Jas. McNeil have signed with Gross' Big Minstrels for next season.

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Wilfred Day musical director of the Williams & Walker company, was presented with an elegant directors baton from the Cosmopolitan Band, in Kansas City, Mo.

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Ed C. Carter, basso and comedian, has closed with Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin company. He was a Freeman caller Saturday of last week; he was accompanied by Mr. Jos. Francis of Columbus, Ohio.

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The Averys—Dan and Lizzie, are now in vaudeville. They have made a tremendous hit on the Pacific coast, in the leading houses. They played three weeks in Frisco, and two weeks at Los Angeles, where they were the closing number on the bill. They send regards to all friends. They are at Omaha, Neb. this week, with Kansas City, Mo., to follow.

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Dick Williams, comedian and ragtime jubilee shouter, owing to a severe attack of pneumonia, has been compelled to quit the road, and is now resting easy at his home on Alex McDonald's ranch, near Larmie, Wyo. He sends regards to Will Goff Kennedy, Julius Glenn, Henry Williams and others.

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Among the professional people now in New Orleans, La., are D. Ireland Thomas, Jew impersonator; Jos. A. McMurray, trap drummer and comedian, A. Brooks, female impersonator; F. Raiges, comedian; F. Begeron, property man; Gasper Bros., musical artists; J. F. Clermont, bandmaster, and James Tucker, trombone soloist.

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D. Ireland Thomas is beginning to look like the picture of health again. Last week he introduced in New Orleans two of his latest songs by himself and "Jake" A. Brown, entitled "Dat Coon Has Got My Gal Hynotized" and "How to Eat Possum." They were well received, and are being whistled and hummed around the streets.

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Prince Oskazuma of the Cuban-African Allied Attractions who is now touring the country with Edward C. Brown, traveling representative of The Freeman sends regards to all members of the profession. They are playing to crowded churches throughout the states of Delaware and Maryland, and their exhibition is pronounced by all who see it as being the best of its kind on the road.

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The Great Western Federation of Musicians, Local No. 44, of St. Louis, Mo., which enjoys the distinction of being the only colored musicians union in the United States, have elected the following officers for the year; Chas. A. Scott, president; Sylvester Chovan, vice president; Jul. C. Luckey, recording secretary; Wm. D. Flowers, treasurer; and Chas. E. Scott, financial secretary. The secretary reports that they are in a flourishing condition. The union sends greetings to its traveling members, viz: Chas, R. Parker, John Eason, John E. Jackson, Jeffry Bass and Jno. E. Adams.

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Mr. Chas. S. Sager, actor and playwrite, of San Francisco, Cal., the author of "The Negro," and "South in Slavery" was a pleasant caller at The Freeman office this week. He was accompanied by Mr. Albert W. Hartley, dramatic artist. The object of the visit to Indianapolis of these gentlemen, is to perfect arrangements for the presentation in this city of "The Negro," a great spectacular, panoramic and musical drama. This meritorious production has been presented in St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City with great success.

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Billy Williams, jr., human frog equilibrist, late of Mahara's Eastern Minstrels, has joined the "In Darkest Coontown" company. Mr Williams writes that this is his first trip East, and that he has met with phenomenal success, being compelled to answer three and four encores nightly. The Rome (N. Y.) Daily Sentinel said: "Billy Williams, jr., the human frog equilibrist and contortionist, appeared before a large size audience. His bending and twisting was something grand. Mr. Williams is the greatest frog man ever seen in Rome." He sends regards to Marsh Craig and other friends.

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Notes from Georgia Up-to-Date—'We are now in the state of Minnesota. Business S. R. O. Weather fine and well pleased audiences. The following is the roster of our company. George E. James, manager; Harvey B. Day, representative; Jack M. Oliver, stage manager; Prof. Jno. D. West, leader of orchestra; Fountain B. Wood, bandmaster; Ben Bembry, properties; Will Melford, master of transportation; Will Goff Kennedy, comedy vocalist; Shirley B. Tyler, Alex McKenzie, Harvey Holmes, Chas. T. Edwards, Wm. Fletcher, Robt. O. Henderson, W. T. McKay, Buddie Robinson, Will G. Melford, Harvey Oliver, Henry Burke, Fred Richardson, Miss Carrie B. Wood, mezzo soprano; Miss Mattie McLemore, dancer and coon song singer; Miss Legretta Henderson, Harry Zeda and Elbert, contortionists. All send regards to friends in and out of the profession.

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Notes from the Williams & Walker's company: "We have been treated royally on their western trip by the colored citizens, and their many friends as receptions were given and they were highly entertained in the following cities St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Lawrence, Kan., St. Joseph, Mo., Lincoln, Neb., and last but not least—Wyandotte, Kan., (Ollie Burgoyne's home.) The members are all laying off to see Des Moines, Ia., (Clarence Logan's home.) Fred Douglass, of Reese Bros., and Douglass, was compelled to miss three performances on account of sickness, but he is on duty again. Bert Williams has joined the Williams & Walker band as principal trombonist; the stage manager requests that they kindly stop their rehearsals when the theatre opens Geo Catlin, the "Chinaman," is getting to be quite a ladies' man.

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Louie H. Willhite, a former Indianapolis boy, has completed his first year in the management of the Madison, S. D., Opera House, and has entered into a contract with Proprietor, F. D. Fitts, to manage the property for another year Mr. Willhite has given the people of Madison a fine line of entertainment, besides adding greatly to the comfort and convenience of the hall. New decorations have been added, new opera chairs, new scenery, a new drop curtain, and the whole pharaphernalia practically renewed. A local paper says: "As a manager Louie has been pleasant and accommodating, and has left no means untried to add in every way to the convenience of the play-going public. It is therefore with pleasure that the public will hear of his re-lease of the opera house." Mr. Willhite is the only Negro manager of a opera house in the United States.

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F. L. Mahara, general agent of Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels Writes:—Dear Sir. I am not a very good hand at writing, but do lots of reading, and although not a subscriber of your valuable paper I have no trouble finding one to read in the South—as invariably I see one every week among the colored people I meet. Our company The Mahara's Big Minstrel Carnival is comprised of fifty people all colored, also ten educated Shetland ponies and forty performing dogs, traveling in two of the finest show cars in existence. Among many of the prominent people and artists with us are: Gordon Collins, Leroy Bland, Geo. Moxley, William Spiller, India Gordon, Nettie Goff, Malone and Scotte, Geo. Hamilton, John English, Clara Thornton, Nellie Thornton, Mary Thornton, Wm. Garland, Snapper Garrison and Chas Cass. Wm. Handy's Grand Military Band is one of the big features and Miss Nettie Goff's slide trombone solos are the hits of our daily concerts. This is our first tour South in ten years and the show has certainly made lots of money and a host of loyal friends. We are now headed towards the Island of Cuba, where we open early in February at the Payret Theatre, Havana. I will close wishing The Freeman all the success it deservedly merits.

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Notes from the Big Minstrel Festival:—"Everything is lovely with the big city show. We are once more in the grand old state of Texas. John Rucker was called to the bedside of his wife who was taken dangerously ill at Houston, he left us at Denton, Friday Jan. 12, rejoined us again at Temple. After having carried her to Hot Springs he reports her condition much improved. J. Ed Green, Jas. E. Hood, Misses Patterson, Murphy and Jas. W. Toomey closed at Temple, Texas. Prof. S. E. Dodd is now vocal director of the Big Festival. The downfall of popular George Dixon was a surprise to many of our members yet there were some who looked upon his defeat as a foregone conclusion. Among them Jube Brown, who won a few dollars on McGovern. Craig raffled off that fine diamond pin that is admired by every one who sees it last Sunday at Temple, Tex., No. 45, was the lucky number and it was held by our popular musical director, Prof. Jas. S. Lacy. "After lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth" for the time being "Jimmy" set em up to the gang and all went off smooth again. Jube Brown has been sick for two or three days, during his illness Christian has been playing snare drum in parade.

This is a "sporty" gang for sure from the manager down to the pick drum corps you can see them day after day engaged in a game of checkers Claiborne Miller has the distinction of being the best player in this company. Regards to the "Sea Lion"—Stokie.

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Williams and Walker, and their company played an engagement at the Bowersock opera house, Lawrence, Kansas, on Monday January 15, and it proved a veritable triumph, particularly to Mr. Walker. The town seemed to rise "enmasse," to give the company and Mr. Walker welcome.

Lawrence is the birthplace and home of Mr. Walker, and he is known by every man, woman and child in the town. The opera house was crowded to the doors, hundreds being turned away. Mr. Williams, who is also well known in the town, through frequent visits was also given a hearty reception.

During the second act of the "Policy Players," the performance was stopped by Mr. Sherman Harvey, president of the 20th Century Club, a well known colored organization, who jumped upon the stage and presented Williams and Walker, with a beautiful Sterling Silver Loving Cup, handsomely engraved and embossed, as a token of esteem and appreciation for the prominence into which Mr. Walker had brought Lawerence by reason of his stage successes.

After the performance a reception was tendered the company and their Manager Mr. Samuel L. Tuck, and a pleasant evening was spent, into which was mingled some bright remarks by Mr. Harvey, Manager Tuck, Mr. Williams and Mr. Walker. The engagement in Lawrence was one that will linger in the memory of everyone who had an opportunity of being present.

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Famous Georgia Minstrels Notes—"No doubt our many friends are wondering where we are, and what we are doing. Well we are still on the Pacific Coast, thousands of miles from our respective homes, but making hosts of friends. The Famous Georgias are making a reputation second to none, each and every member of the company is proving himself an artist. Prof. F. T. Patrick's Premier Concert Band, is playing a class of music that meets the approval of the thousands that listen to our daily, and evening concerts. Our peerless orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Goldie Housley, is one of the principal features of the show. The first part is moving along smoothly, and encores are numerous. Kid Langford, Billy Porter "Frosty" Moon and Matt Housley comedians in the first edition, and James Crosby and Julius Glenn our premier comedians, keep the house in an uproar during our first part. Our olio of matchless celebrities is strong from start to finish. LaShe, king of the high wire; the Alabama quartette; Jas. Crosby; Glenn & Moore; Big Eight Song and Dance. Simpson & Pittman musical artists. Grand Cake Walk, Simon Bonomore's troupe of Five Whirlwind Arab Acrobats. J. A. Watts tenor, W. A. Dixon tenor and Chas. A. Hughes tenor; are all singing in fine form and introducing the latest popular songs of the day. The members of the Georgia's received many useful and valuable presents during the holidays. We were in the State of California from November until the middle of January and broke all former records of the Georgia's. We met the Black Patti company in San Francisco and again had the pleasnre of riding a half day with them on one of the fast Southern Pacific road. As the conductor put it there was quite a train of colored people, three cars, and we all made merry, and when we parted the band played a number of selections for and were heartily applauded by the Black Patti Troubadours. We also met the "Hottest Coon in Dixey" company while in California The colored shows out here are all doing well, we open in Portland, Ore:, for one week Feb. 4, with best wishes to our friends, the old reliable Georgia.

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Clarence E. Henderson of the Oliver Scott's Minstrels, writes.—"We are now through our tour of the state of Texas and back in Arkansaw doing an emense business. We played to a packed house in Hot Springs, and an exceptional big business at matinee and night performance at Little Rock, Ark. We are now on our way Eastward, and business is still tip-top The Scott's minstrel show has the long pole and gets the persimmon. Its the show that catches the pe.ple. Our show is still increasing. Mr. Hood, the eminent basso, joined at Hot Springs, and his song, 'The Bellfrey Tower' is heartily applauded, and the two voices adds emensely to the choruses. Clarence E Henderson met with a very bad accident in the matinee at Little Rock and by luck miss breaking a leg. Hopes are, not sad as reported."

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WOMAN'S
WORLD.

Mrs. Amanda Larbadie pays taxes on $100,000 at St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. J. Q. Johnson is the only colored lady physician in the state of Alabama.

All flare is reserved for the collars of out door garments, where it is indispensible but bodice collars have no flare.

An outright novelty which amounts to a cord effect is of soft rosy pink liberty satin, o'erstrewn with tiny white bow knots in cleverly thrown up cords.

Speaking of wash silks, the washable twilled surahs are wonders. They come in fine mixed-up stripes and one firm is selling them at 65c, 24 inches in width. For morning frocks in the dog days they'll be just the thing.

A dress collar appearing on many of the dressier gowns is a very close fitting band, about two and a half or three inches high, perfectly straight around the front and sides, but rising in the back in a point to almost double that width. This may have the material stretched smoothly over the lining or may be laid in soft folds as preferred. A footing and heading of the trimming material forms an attractive addition.

It is not generally known that in New Orleans adjacent to the Cathedral of St. Louis, corner Oleans and Royal streets stand the mother houses of the Holy Family, one of the two Negro sisterhoods of the Roman Catholic faith that are existing in America. The order was founded Nov. 21, 1842 by the following women of color: Harriet De Lisle, Juliette Gandin and Josephine Charles Ailcot. A memorial chapel is a building which the sisterhood owes to the generosity of a Negro philanthropist, Tony Lafon. There are sixty-five sisters belonging to the order. They conduct a home for the aged which has fifty inmates and a home for children with ninety enrolled.

Men of Note.

Helena, Ark., Special.—Richard Hansberry was killed by the cheif of the police, F. D. Clancy. Hansberry was subject to fits and by some means got into a fight with the chief and from the evidence he was coming out of the chief's yard when shot by him. Miss Sue Branner lost her house by fire Dec. 31, fully covered by insurance. A new firm is that of Nance and Graves whiskey dealers. Mr. Nance is principal owner of the firm. Thomas Goodman has the palace restaurant department of that firm. Mr. M. G. Turner's grocery business is thriving. Slimmons the Southern Grocer has moved into his new quarters corner of Elm and Pecorn where he will be glad to meet his many friends and new customers. Rev. Shad has been elected pastor of the New Hope church. Services at 11 a. m., and 3 p. m. A. H. Miller the largest real estate owner of Helena owns 40 houses that will value for this lot of property over $25,000.

Gleaned in a Week.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.—We had the pleasure of meeting Judge Elbridge Hanecy of Chicago, at the Mahaffy House. He is a nice gentleman and if elected will well grace the gubernatorial chair. His welcome here by the Republican voters was in the way of an ovation. Dan Hodge, of Henderson, Ky. is renewing his friendship with Mt. Vernon friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mitchel returned home from Fulton Ky. Rachael Griffin returned Saturday from Martin Tenn., where she was summoned a few weeks ago to attend the bedside of her daughter. Walter Ritter of St. Louis, enroute to Carmi spent a few days here the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Doc Sebra. Emanuel Owsley returned here from Decatur in response to a telegram announcing the illness of his father, Rev. J. W. Owsley, who is greatly improved. Everette Bayless returned home from an extended trip to Springfield and Peoria. Mrs. Alfred Mullins and daughter Hattie, returned from Cairo. James E. Bish, notary public and smoke inspector and family of Chicago, Ill., returned home after a pleasant visit with C. W. Bish and family. Earnest Muse of Carbondale was a pleasant caller among the Mt Vernon friends. He returned home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Butts of Mt. Vernon, Ind., recently moved to our city. Mrs. Will Calaway and daughter Bessie spent a few days in South Mt. Vernon, the guest of Mr. G. W. Beachamp and family. Miss Blanch Bunch of Centralia spent Sunday with Mt. Vernon friends. May Berry who has been the guest of Mrs. David Bishop returned to Carmi. Mr. Jones, the talented musician was shaking hands with friends here last week. At the C. M. E. church last Sunday Rev. Bunch held his first quarterly meeting. Rev. Grear P. E. of the Illinois District preached both morning and evening to large audiences. Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Oliver entertained a score or more of their young friends at their beautiful home on Grand Ave. The event was one of social merit consisting of vocal and instrumental music and games. Refreshments of various kinds were served.

A TRYING TIME.

The Man of Experience Recalls a Dinner at Vassar College.

He was a man of experience. He had visited nearly every known country and had thrilling adventures in some of them. He had hunted big game, and had been through at least one South American revolution. Consequently he was looked upon as an interesting story teller, and, being in a convivial party, there was a natural desire on the part of his associates to draw him out.

"Tell us about the most thrilling, awe-inspiring experience you ever had," one of them urged.

"There is one that stands out preeminently as the most trying ordeal of my life," he said at last. "No other experience that I ever went through begins to equal it. Nothing else ever made me half so nervous."

"Tell us about it!" they all cried.

"It was the day I took dinner at Vassar College," he began.

"Oh, come off!" they broke in. "Don't try to jolly us.

"I'm not," replied the man of experience. I'm telling you the solemn truth. I was a friend of the family of a girl at Vassar, and, being armed with the proper credentials, I called upon her there and was invited to remain to dinner. I was the only man in the dining room. When I entered the girls were already seated and they took me in from head to foot. I could feel them doing it. At a rough guess I should say there were 500 pairs of eyes riveted upon me, and I knew that 300 girls were passing judgment upon me and everything connected with me—my dress, my bearing, my features, my manners, everything. One pair of feminine eyes can make a man feel uncomfortable, two pairs can make him think that life isn't worth living, and three pairs can give him the cold shivers. A girl knows it and she just glories in it. When she has man at a disadvantage there is nothing that gives her greater pleasure than to make the most of it and watch him suffer. Those girls had me at their mercy. They overwhelmed me with cold, critical, analytical glances that were more deadly than Mauser bullets. By the time I reached the guests' table, where I sat in solemn grandeur with the girl at whose invitation I was there, I would have gladly exchanged places with a man leading a forlorn hope on the field of battle. Before the dinner was half over I would have considered being lost in a tropical jungle pleasing by comparison. Oh, those girls, those girls! They left the dining room before I did, and, in doing so, they passed my table. I tried to talk entertainingly to my friend, but I could feel them going by—and sizing me up, and I was satisfied that I didn't pass muster. It seemed as if each one was saying to herself: "Oh, he's not so many! He lacks ease, and his tie isn't on straight."

"And that," he added, "was my most terrible experience. There was a thrill or a chill to every minute of it."—New York Sun.

CEREMONY OF THE HAT.

When Society Demands the Man to Raise or Remove His Headgear.

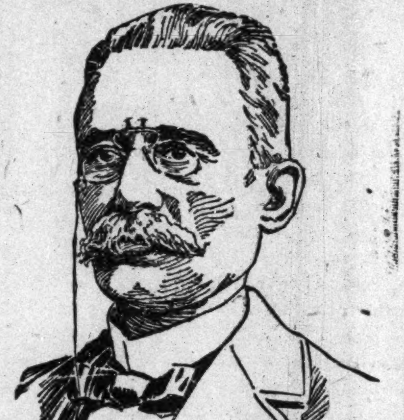
"The ceremony of the hat is something more punctillious than formerly," writes Mrs. Burton Kingsland of "Good Form for All Occasions," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "A man awaits the lady's recognition before he raises his hat to her. He also raises his hat when presented to a woman, when meeting and taking leave of her, when about to address her, or when she first speaks to him—for whatever reason, if he passes her on a stairway or in front of her in public conveyance, theatre or elsewhere—indeed, whenever the least apology would be in order; when he offers his services in any way, even tacitly, or shows her some trifling courtesy; and he should always raise his hat when acknowledging her thanks. A man should pay the same mannerly tribute to her sex when a woman enters an elevator, and remain uncovered during her stay therein. He should also raise his hat upon recognizing an acquaintance who has a lady with him. If the friend with whom he may be bows to a lady, he should show the same courtesy, although she may be unknown to him. Should a lady be with him and recognize a friend, he should lift his hat."

Nelson Chesman & Co.

Quarter of a Century of Continuous Business Success.

Condensed Review of the Growth of One of the Leading Newspaper Advertising Agencies of the World.

Last month the well-known advertising agency of Nelson Chesman & Co. completed its twenty-fifth year of continuous business. The quarter of a century during which it has grown from modest proportions to its present magnitude has marked the evolution and systematizing of the advertising agency business as a science, and it is difficult to realize what few precedents the founder of the firm had to guide himself by when he, in partnership with Mr. George P. Rowell, commenced business in St. Louis on November 1st, 1874. To Mr. Chesman is largely due the credit of having inaugurated what may be described as systematic advertising. His firm started out with the fixed idea that advertising pays, whether local or national, provided the requirements and policy of each individual advertiser are carefully studied, and proper care exercised in the selection of mediums. Its policy was to convince not only the occasional advertiser, but the non-advertiser as well, of this fact. In this crusade of education it succeeded beyond expectation, and although some of the theories and arguments favoring heavy expenditure in advertising were regarded at first as wild and unreasonable, its present staunchest adherents include many of its earliest and most severe critics.



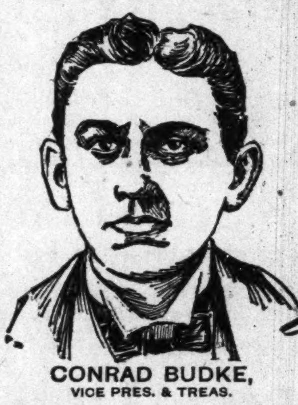
NELSON CHESMAN,
FOUNDER AND PRES. NELSON CHESMAN & CO.

The close of the century is marked by the keenest competition in every line of business, and failure to judiciously advertise involves being passed by more enterprising competitors. Every year Nelson Chesman & Co. are consulted by firms which have either never advertised at all, or which have only advertised spasmodically, and hence in a large measure unsuccessfully. They are exceptionally successful in advising not only how and where to advertise, but what lines should be made specialties of.

The absolute necessity of newspaper advertising has never been more generally recognized than at the present moment, and no agency has been more successful in directing enterprise into proper and profitable channels. A canvass of Nelson Chesman & Co.'s customers and clients would yield an almost unanimous response in the affirmative to the oft put question "Does advertising pay?", and the firm's experience and system of doing business is directly responsible for this. The implicit confidence placed in the firm's judgment is the real secret of the rapid and continuous growth which has marked its career during its twenty-five years of life.

Hard work for their customer's success is a pleasure to them and while they may register an occasional failure owing to conditions beyond their full control they have been fortunate in giving advice to their patrons and holding and increasing their business from year to year.

They believe there is no necessity for resorting to doubtful experiments on a large scale. If there is any doubt, go slow, is their advice to customers. Prove your ground first and then proceed with the greatest caution is a cardinal principle with them.



CONRAD BUDKE,
VICE PRES. & TREAS.

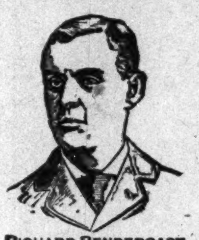
More than sixty experienced persons, exclusive of eight or ten printers who set up advertisements and other matter on the premises, are on the permanent staff of Nelson Chesman & Co., as compared with three or four in the firm's early days. To keep pace with this phenomenal growth the floor space of the head office alone has been increased from 600 to more than 7,000 square feet. More than $25,000 was spent for the building and for remodeling it for their offices at St. Louis. They are one of two of the agencies that own outright and occupy their own building. The head office to-day is one of the best equipped in the country, and both branch offices are complete in every detail.

In 1878 Mr. Rowell retired from the firm which then became known as Nelson Chesman & Co. For ten years it continued to extend the scope of its operations. In February 1888, it was incorporated under the same name, and a branch was opened in New York City. Three years later the Chicago branch was added. A few months ago the New York office was disposed of, and a branch started in Pittsburgh, Pa. All of the offices have been phenomenally successful.

In 1898 Nelson Chesman & Co. issued the first volume of their "Newspaper Rate Book." This was exceedingly well received and endorsed on all hands as the most systematic and reliable hand book and compilation of statistics of the press of the United States. Two months ago a second edition carefully corrected up to date was issued and the demand for it from all points of the compass is a striking testimony to the ability manifested in compiling and editing the earlier edition.

A department for advertising in papers printed in other than the English language was recently added. This department places advertising in papers printed in more than twenty-five different languages, translations being made from English copy and the entire work executed with the usual care shown in all the Company's business methods. No other Advertising Agency in the country attempts this class of advertising as a specialty.

The officers of Nelson Chesman & Co. are all well known in the newspaper world, as well as among prominent advertisers. The founder, Mr. Nelson Chesman, has always been the guiding spirit of the house during its long and uninterrupted career, and is still its President. The Vice-president and Treasurer of the company is Mr. Conrad Budke. He secured a position with the firm in [illegible], and when it was incorporated was elected Secretary and Treasurer and placed in charge of the St. Louis office as general manager. On September 1st of this year Mr. Budke was elected Vice-President and Treasurer. His lengthy connection with the advertising agency business, as well as the excellent opportunities afforded him of studying Mr. Chesman's honorable and highly successful methods have made him an exceptionally valuable man to advertisers and publishers, and his advice and judgment are in constant request. Mr. Budke was succeeded in the Secretaryship of the Company by Mr. Richard Pendergast, another graduate in the advertising business who has been directly connected with the company since the year 1881. These three gentlemen constitute the board of directors of the Company.



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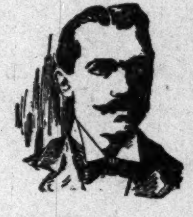

ARTHUR A. WILLSON,
MGR. AT CHICAGO.

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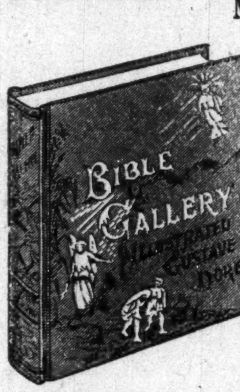

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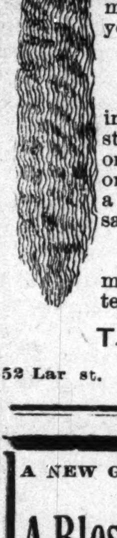
$1.00 BUYS THE BEST

Switch made for Colored People.



This goods is the best of its kind made. They are 22 inches long and a very short stem and retail at $1.50 to $2.00, sent to any address post paid on receipt of $1.00 and your money back it it don't suit you.

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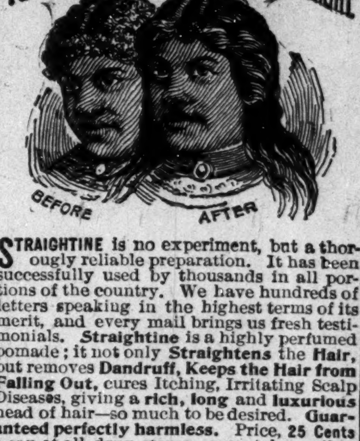

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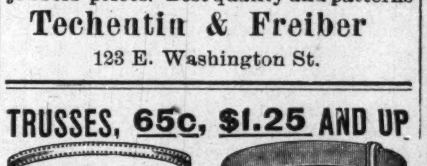

We are selling the very finest Trusses made at FACTORY PRICES, less than one-third the price charged by others, and WE GUARANTEE TO FIT YOU PERFECTLY. Say whether you wish our 65c French Truss or our $1.25 New York Reversible Elastic Truss, illustrated above, cut this ad. out and send to us with OUR SPECIAL PRICE named, state your Height, Weight, Age, how long you have been ruptured, whether rupture is large or small; also state number inches around the body on a line with the rupture, say whether rupture is on right or left side, and we will send either truss to you with the understanding, if it is not a perfect fit and equal to trusses that retail at three times our price, you can return it and we will return your money.

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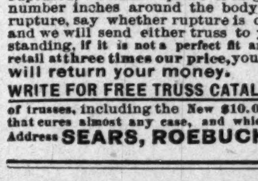

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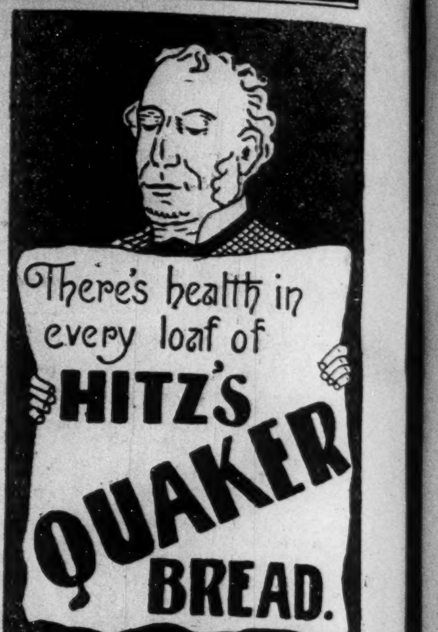

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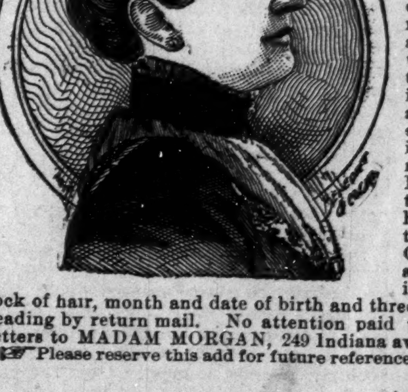

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The Western Christian Recorder, long published at Kansas City Mo., is now published at Macon, Mo. by Rev. J. F. McDonald.

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Sunday Jan 14 was rally day at Bethel A. M. E. church, Indianapolis, Ind. The total amount laid on the tables that day was over $1600. This amount goes far towards relieving the church of the debt incurred by the rebuilding of same some years ago.

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The Rev. W. H. Giles, D. D., pastor of the of Macedonia A. M. E. Church Camden, N. J., has been appointed by Bishop Grant to the vacancy in the Publication Board, A. M. E. church caused by the death of Dr. J. S. Thompson, who was an honored vice-president of the Board.

Happenings of Interest.

Rockport, Ind., Special.—The Xmas number of The Freeman was an editorial climax. I could have sold 100 as easily as I did 20. * * Miss Artie Sanford spent a very pleasant holiday vacation at Indianapolis with her friend, Mrs. J. Pickrin. * * Prof. H. F. Smith's new book, "Mathematical Short Cuts," will soon be out of the press. It will be a handbook that every teacher and student will find to be very helpful. The new feature of this book is the teaching of addition by subtraction and subtraction by addition, which insures lightning speed. * * Mrs. Susan Adams returned from Evansville, where she spent several weeks of pleasure with her many friends. Mrs. Adams is a very pleasing lady, and has a wonderful secret of making friends and keeping them. * * Mr. Henry Taylor left for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has an appointment to a position on a special car at $50 a month. Mr. Taylor's pleasing ways will certainly win him success. * *. Col. Boone received an appointment at Washington, D. C., and left immediately for the Capital. * * Mr. Robert Richardson, C. Clay, Miss Anna McFarland, are the new subscribers who are having The Freeman brought to them. You that love your race, see The Freman agent and prove your talk. The Freeman is the race's "Excelsior." * * Mr. Wilson Taylor came down from Indianapolis during the holdays and left a very fine impression of what the Capital City can do for a thoughtful, energetic young man. * * Mr. Lewis Sandford, the hustling committeeman, hopes to finish the new M. E. Church by the next quarterly meeting.

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The Freeman is a journal of journals and a credit to the race.—Kansas City Observer.

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One of the most intelligent colored men in America is Mr. George L. Knox, publisher and proprietor of that excellent paper, The Freeman. We know of no publication printed solely under the auspices of the colored race that shows anything like the enterprise and ability in make-up that characterizes The Freeman. Every number is well edited and beautifully illustrated and would be a credit to editors and proprietors of much more pretentions. The holiday number is especially attractive, and should be a means of lifting the colored people in the estimation of all white men who peruse its pages.—The Indiana Illustrated Weekly.

The holiday edition of "The Freeman," the Indianapolis colored people's paper, appeared Saturday and as handsomely edited and illustrated sheet of 24 pages.—Indianapolis Daily Sun.

The Freeman's holiday number was a most attractive paper. The Freeman is a credit to the colored race, and deserves the success achieved.—The Independent, Indianapolis.

Talk about Christmas editions. The Indianapolis Freeman knocked all the rest out. It stands head and shoulders above all the rest.—The Independent, Houston, Texas.

The fine illustrated holiday number of The Freeman is a supreme pace set in Negro journalism. While we congratulate Editor George L. Knox for its well edited columns, the mechanical force is due great credit for artistic workmanship.—The Colorado Slatesman.

The Freeman of December 30, was a masterly effort on the part of the publisher, containing 24 pages devoted to discussions of topics of the day and current gossip most beneficial to the Negro race. It is certainly worthy of its name, and is the oldest and best Negro journal in the country.—Kansas City Observer.

The Freeman's Holiday edition of of twenty-four pages was as usual up to the top notch, and looms out with many half-tones of leading professional men and women.

It is not as large as we have seen it on similar occassions, still the general make-up is superior to any of its former publications, and brother Knox can jdstly stand at the head of Negro journalism.—Utah Plaindealer.

I say, boys, did you see "uncle George" Knox's Xmas edition, and wern't it a beaut?

A perfect gem of literature and art. It should be possessed and preserved by every family in this country, as a souvenir.

It is pleasing to look upon, and interesting and profitable to read and peruse. Long live the grand old Freeman, and its venerable editor.—The Item, Dallas, Texas.

The Indianapolis Freeman gets out a holiday number of twenty-four pages that is most creditable to its proprietors. There are a number of excellent articles from some of the ablest writers of the race, together with many short sketches and half-tones of those who have become prominent in the theatrical profession. All in all it makes a fine appearance andthe issue is one that can be read to advantage by all.—The Western Outlook.

The holiday number of the Indianapolis Freeman, 24 pages, on good book paper and filled with fine cuts to illustrate instructive and elegant reading matter, has been received. The mechanical make-up of the great publication is a work of art and must be so regarded, while the journal in its entirety makes an impression highly favorable to the race it represents, and creditable to those who got it up. Long may The Freeman live, much may it prosper.—The Dallas (Tex.) Express.

The special edition of the Indianapolis Freeman should cause universal rejoicing among the Negroes of this country, because it gives an idea of the wonderful progress the Negro has made in the printing business. Editor Knox's last effort along the special edition line deserves more than ordinary mention, and places him in the front ranks as a newspaper man. The made-up showed that much skill was required, and the cuts showed off to an advantage; the quality of paper used was the very best. Knox you have done a mighty thing.—The Victoria (Tex.) Guide.

The holiday number of the Indianapolis Freeman, which contained twenty-four pages, is indeed the best Negro journalistic treat that has been circulated to the readers of Negro newspapers in this whole world at this age. Hon. Geo. L. Knox, the proprietor and publisher, has rightfully won the head rank of Negro journals of the world in this issue of Dec. 30, 1899. He has beat his own record, and the beauty comes in that it was The Freeman and no other.

The literary make-up of this issue contains food that will be beneficial to the most brained minds of the race. And in fact it will be thought for the whites to read this issue of The Freeman.

Mr. Knox, accept our most hearty congratulations from the far sunny Southland. We say to you that in your efforts you are doing great work to promote the interest of your people, and when doseth the man cease worse hair is now flying a white cover, the people will say a great man has fallen, first in the name of his God, his people and country.—The City Times, Galveston, Texas.

He Lives in a Handsome Residence and Owns a Block.

John Carr has been a beggar on the streets of this city for the past quarter of a century. To-day he is a very wealthy man, the owner of beautiful East End property and a valuable block in another part of the city. All this was accumulated from the pennies, nickels and dimes daily dropped into his hat by the charitable people who were moved to pity by the sign that dangled from his breast, "I am Blind." Recently Carr, under the name of Terrance O'Mara, was a prisoner at police headquarters charged with violating a city ordinance. When arrested $61.38 was found upon him, not an uncomfortable roll for a "beggar."

There is no doubt according to the police, that Carr is one of the most successful beggars of the age. It seems almost incredible that a street beggar should live in a palatial East End residence, with all the luxuries that go with it, spacious grounds, &c. But that is just what Carr does. The story of Carr and his life since he became a beggar is a most remarkable one. When under arrest some time ago he, in a burst of confidence, told it.

Some years ago, when he was in the best of health and enjoying the use of his eyes, he was made a beggar by accident. It was a real hot day. He was walking the streets out of work and thoroughly disgusted with his lot. Becoming tired he sat down upon a stoop to rest. He took off his hat and was mopping the perspiration from his brow. At this juncture a kindly disposed pedestrian passed. Seeing Carr he took compassion upon him. Carr at this time had no thought of becoming a beggar, but when he put his hat upon his head a bright silver quarter rolled upon the ground. This started him to thinking.

From that time until to-day Carr has been a professional beggar.

He has been arrested numerous times, and was never taken into custody without a roll being found upon him. On one occasion $300 was taken from an inside pocket. Three times amounts aggregating a total of $75 were discovered. If Carr should ever be found at the police station without a large sum of money on him the officials would be greatly surprised.

Not long ago he was arrested by Officer Robert Smith at Seventh avenue and Smithfield street. He objected vigorously to being taken into custody. Some of those who had witnessed the arrest declared it a shame that a poor blind man should not be allowed to make a living. They did not know what they were talking about. At the station house Carr denied having anything of value on him, but Sergeant Sterck discovered the money. Carr left a forfeit for his appearance this morning and then took an East End car for his home in order to get there in time for his 6 o'clock dinner.—Pittsburg Post.

CHRISTIANITY IN BUSINESS.

Its Principles Applied Would Work a Glorious Revolution.

"There is not the least question that as the commercial world is organized and run to-day it is run at a fearful loss along the side of money," writes Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "Even the rules of success that business men lay down do not insure success. Perhaps no age has equaled this for disturbance and unrest and warring interests in the business world. If the principles of Christainity were applied to the whole business world it would cause a shock that for the time being would result in what might prove to be the greatest financial panic of the ages. But out of that result would emerge a new order of buying and selling that would result ultimately in more financial success on the part of more people than the world has ever witnessed. Ultimately love will pay in dollars and cents better than selfishness. On selfish principles the business world today does not succeed even in the matter of making money—that is, not for any length of time nor for the masses of the people. Love in business would lose less money, and actually distribute the real earnings of toil among a far greater number of human beings, than is possible now under the present system."

Cost Of a Church Carpet.

"The Chicago Advance" gives the following estimate of the direct and collateral cost of a church carpet. The price was $800, but as the women of the church raised the money by giving entertainments the pastor's estimate was that when all the items of cost was figured in the carpet had cost fully $4,000. He reached this astonishing total by estimating the work, worry, nervous strain, bodily weariness and heartaches of one hundred women, the heroic efforts of men, women and children to eat the things which were to be eaten, and hear, see or buy things which had been provided to extract money from them; the colds, fevers and other ailments contracted while attending the entertainments, and the consequent doctors' bills; the money spent in other churches, for if they come to your entertainment you must go to theirs; and, worst and most costly of all, the demoralization of the church and the curtailment of the legitimate giving which follow the train of such methods of raising money. But they got their carpet.

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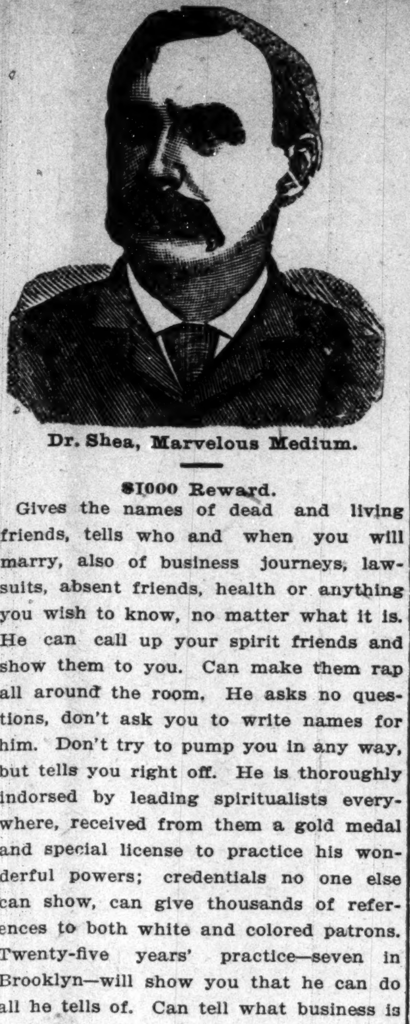

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..CITY NOTES..

Ten cent smoke for five cents—Pro Bono.

Mr. Chas. Jordan, of Chicago, was in the city Saturday.

Attorney O. V. Royall is now located at room 45 Baldwin Block.

Miss Tillie Larter, of Bedford is the Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Locklear.

Rev. J. W. Carr D. D., is in Washington D. C., conducting revival.

Mr. Robert Anderson, of Chicago, is a guest of Prof. and Mrs. Henry Hart.

Evangelist J. L. Griffin in holding a revival at the 9th Presbyterian church.

A musical and literary concert will be given at the Christian church Feb. 6.

Drs. C. W. Newton, A. L. Murray and E. L. Bell went to Wilberforce, O., this week.

The Freeman is always on sale at the Bates House Barber Shop. Price 5c.

The Freeman's annual mid-winter reduction price is now on. Only $1.00.

Send 25 cents to Charles Alexander Huntsville, Ala., and receive a copy of One Hundred Distinguished Leaders.

Pro Bono after meals.

Miss Maude Bass gave an informal in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dunlap Wednesday evening.

Rev. W. M. Underwood, of Harrisburg, Ky., was called to Shiloh Baptist and begun his work last Sunday.

Misses Willie and Myrtle Hart gave a large dancing party Saturday evening for Miss Mamie Stewart of Chicago.

The marriage of Mr. Clarence Dunlap of this city to Miss Cora Nicholson occurred at Tipton, Ind., Wednesday. They are at home to friend at 1320 Fayette street.

DES MOINES, April 3, 1899.

To Whom it May Concern:—

We have had the Canadian Jubilee Singers for two nights in the Central church. I have no hesitation in pronouncing them the very best Jubilee Singers I have heard. I am confident the people are all right. This is the third time they have appeared before churches I have served.—Rev. D. L. Thompson, Paster First M. E. church, Ames, Iowa. At Allen Chapel Tuesday evening Jan. 30.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Worthington entertained Monday evening for Miss Bolden who is their guest. Among the guests were Miss Stewart and Mr. Bert Anderson of Chicago.

There will be a Mid-winter picnic at Odd Fellows Hall, Monday evening Jan. 29. Come out and enjoy yourself. Shelton's famous orchestra. Frederick Lewis, Floor Manager. Admission 20 cents.

Consult Mrs. Garett, professionalist, 320 W. Vermont street, of hair dressing, scalp treatment, manicuring shampooing, hair dying, hair straighting, and false work made to order.

Mrs. Hammons 1028 Roanoke street vice chief of national order of 12 and mother of American doves of protection, expresses much hope for the future good of her orders and claims much for 1900.

"The Canadian Jubilee Singers, who made their first appearance at the Tabernacle last evening, rendered one of the most enjoyable concerts ever heard in this city"—Erie Times They will be at Allen Chapel Tuesday evening Jan. 30.

Mr. Allen who claimed to be first adviser of an order known as T. W. T. H. has failed to prove his statement through legal instructions or by a charter, although he might do so in the future, it remains to be seen. He has removed from 320 E. Vermont street.

The Union Missionary Baptist church of West Indianapolis which has never been recognized, declared its pulpit vacant and guards it with policeman to keep Rev. Patterson out. Rev. Patterson having been taken out by a policeman to preserve order and the rights of the said church.

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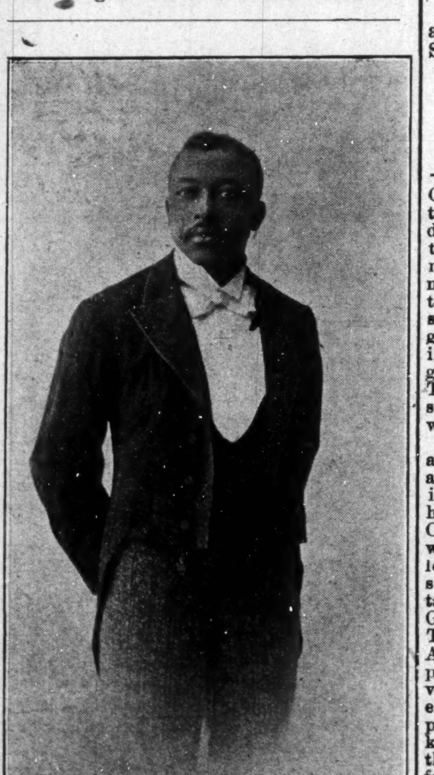

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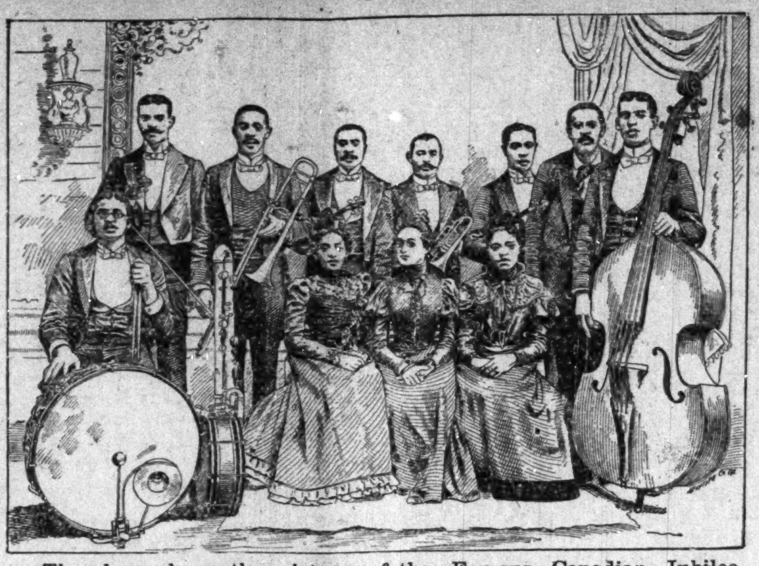
The Canadian Jubilee Singrs and Imperial Orchstra.



The above shows the pictures of the Famous Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra of the world that will appear at Allen Chapel, Tuesday January 30, 1900. It is the only rare treat of the season for the people of Indianapolis. Admission 25 cents; reserved seats 35c. Buy your tickets at once, reserving a seat for yourself and wife or company. A great rush is on. A. L. MURRAY, A. B. Pastor.

A mass meeting of all colored citizens will be held in Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church on Friday evening Feb. 2, 1900 at 8 p. m., looking forward to organizing a local Afro-American Council. All citizens and well wishers of the race invited to attend this mass meeting.

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The Married Ladies' Enterprise Club was entertained Monday evening by Mrs. Harry Odell Hayden and Mrs. D. D. Hunter at their home on Martindale avenue. The business of the club was transacted after which music, debates, essays and papers were discussed. An elegant lunch was served. They departed pleased much with their transactions to meet next Monday evening on Fayette street.

Left the Bates House.

The Dalton Hat Co., has removed to 111 W. Washington street, opposite the Bates House. They will positively sell the best $2 hat in America.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers.

Reserved seats for the Canadian Jubilee Singers concert at Allen Chapel Jan. 30, on sale at the pastors office 703 E. Pratt street or at The Freeman office 309 Indiana avenue.

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REV. R. C. RANSOM

(Continued from First Page.)

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, which was held in this city directly after the great agnostic's death, chose the greatest orators of the state to weave into garlands of speech, loving memorial to the memory of one of Illinois' most eloquent sons. Mr. Ransom was asked to represent the race for which Ingersoll had said and done so much. Not one of the galaxy of orators received so warm a greeting, nor won the storm of applause which greeted his magnificent and magnetic tribute. That speech, like many of his addresses and sermons, appeared in the daily papers, to which he is an occasional contributor.

All in all, Mr. Ransom represents the ablest and best type of our ministry to-day and we will be selfishly loath to give him up, if the General Conference next year, chooses him to fill the high office of editor of the Christian Recorder. Our consolation though would come from the knowledge that our loss will be the gain of the entire church. A student at Oberlin, a graduate of Wilberforce taking the degree of B. D., he has studied Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German and French. The degree of D. D., was conferred by his Alma Mater in 1898. He will bring to the position ripe intellectual power, broad views, sound judgment, a Catholic spirit, an even temper, wide experience, rare business principles and a zeal and enthusiasm which knows no limit in furthering the coming of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of his fellowmen. IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT,

Chicago, Ill.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Services were held at both churches with very large attendance. Rev. D. S. Slaughter of the Second Baptist church preached two fine sermons during the day. Quartley meeting was held at the Methodist church, Rev. Townsend the presiding elder was present, he delivered three good sermons after which sacrement was administered Revival is still going on at A. M. E. church. Mr. Will Burns of Lima, O., is visiting friends in the city. Mr. John Culpher is somewhat indisposed. Miss Stella Watkins who has been ill is able to be up and around again. Mr. J. R. Blanks is visiting friends in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. H. T. Pierson is suffering with rheumatism. Mr. Arthur White has gone to Gas City to work. Mrs. H. T. Pierson entertained a few friends at dinner last Sunday at her home on E. Seymour street. Mrs. Lenora Adams is reported worse at her home on E. Kirby avenue. Mrs. Nannie Wilson who has been visiting her cousin Mrs. Liddie Frazier of W. Main street has returned to her home in Yellow Springs, O. Mr. Will Tyree is visiting his parents in Limia, O. Mrs. Katie Palmer was confined to her home a few days on account of illness. The B. Y. P. U., of the Second Baptist church presented their church with a fine new Bible last Sunday. The colored citizens of Muncie held a very interesting meeting at the Second Baptist church last Friday night. The object of the meeting was to gather exhibits to represent the Negroes' skill at the World Exhibition at Paris France. Addresses were made by the leading ministers and citizens. A committee was appointed to arrange for the exhibits and to correspond with Mr. Coloway the agent appointed by the government to have charge of the Negro exhibits. Many turned out and manifested a great interest.

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Fresh corn meal, 1c pound
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Fancy sugar corn 6¼c can
Best kettle-rendered Lard, 7½c pound
Best sugar cured California Hams, 6¾c pound
6 pounds new California Prunes, 25c
Best Star Tobacco, 42c pound
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Application for Divorce.

Firmin C. Brown vs Mary E. Brown } State of Ind., Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., in the State of Indiana.

No. 10130 Complaint for divorce

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 16th day of January 1900 the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant Mary E. Brown is not a resident of the State of Indiana, that said action is for divorce and the said defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 16th day of March 1900.

Now, Therefore, By order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and unless she appear and answer or demur there, at the calling of said cause on the 16th day of March 1900, the same being the 11th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March 1900, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

GEORGE S. ELLIOTT, Clerk.
JAMES T. V. HILL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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